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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CVIS, (OJUKWU, ODUMEGWU CHUKWEMEKA), NI, US
SUBJECT: MEA REACTION TO NOTIFICATION OF U.S. INTENT TO
ISSUE OJUKWU A VISA

REF: (A) LAGOS 4261; (B) LAGOS 4096

1. PERMSEC'S OFFICE INFORMED US APRIL 18 THAT IN FUTURE FMG WOULD
"PREFER" THAT EMBASSY NOT RPT NOT INFORM MEA OF OJUKWU'S PLANS TO
VISIT THE U.S. OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THIS IS BECAUSE USG IS NOT ASKING
FMG
APPROVAL BEFORE ISSUING A VISA, AN ACTION THE FMG "COULD NOT
SUPPORT," BUT MERELY INFORMING MINISTRY OF AN ACTION USG IS TAKING.

2. OFFICIAL APPRECIATED THAT PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FMG ADVANCE NOTIFICA-

TION IS TO PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDING AND COMMENTED THAT HE PERSONALLY
BELIEVED OJUKWU SHOULD BE FREE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE WITHOUT AROUSING
SUSPICION. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID THERE IS CONCERN IN SOME QUARTERS
THAT OJUKWU MIGHT USE THE U.S. AS A POLITICAL PLATFORM AGAINST THE
FMG. WE REITERATED THAT OJUKWU HAD AGREED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN
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POLITICAL ACTIVITY DURING HIS UPCOMING VISIT.

3. THAT THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT WHAT OJUKWU SAYS CONTINUES TO BE
BORNE OUT BY EVENTS. PRESS THIS WEEK REPORTS THAT TWO EDITORS AND
A WRITER OF FORTNIGHTLY MAGAZINE /NEWBREED/ WERE DETAINED LAST
SATURDAY BY NIGERIAN POLICE. A /NIGERIAN OBSERVER/ARTICLE TODAY
REPORTS THAT THE SECURITY OFFICERS WERE "SAID TO BE PARTICULARLY

INTERESTED IN THE MANUSCRIPTS AND DOCUMENTS CONNECTED WITH THE RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION OF AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH FORMER REBEL LEADER, MR. CHUKWUEMEKA ODUMEGWU OJUKWU, PUBLISHED IN LAST ISSUE" OF /NEWBREED/.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE MEA INJUNCTION AGAINST ADVANCE NOTICE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT WERE WE TO USE AN UNOFFICIAL CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH TO COMMUNICATE TO FMG ANY FUTURE PLANS OF OJUKWU TO VISIT THE U.S. THIS COULD BE DONE IN INFORMAL CHATS HERE OR THROUGH SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS OF NIGERIAN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON OR ABIDJAN.
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